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### GREETINGS.

Who said this was an open winter. Dr. Hunting preached in town today.

Richard Dubey, spent New Year's Bay City.

New Year's day was the worst of the season.

Buy a diary for 1888 at the book store.

W. T. Knowlton, of E. Saginaw, in town Monday.

Mrs. G. S. Ward who has been sick is recovering.

E. C. Turver, of Saginaw, made office a pleasant call on Monday.

James Kress visited friends in Hamston New Years. Eh! Jimm

Dennis Clark left Saturday a visit with friends in New York.

John Miller, of Schwartz, spent Sunday with his brother T.

Several of our young people attended the play at St. Louis Tuesday night.

B. W. Sperry and family left Tue for Bay City, where they will visit friends.

The new management of the W. House has made several changes help.

J. B. Sheldon is the happy father a ten pound girl, born Monday morning, Jan. 2.

Call and purchase a pair of mittens at Kinch's for 20 cents—worth 25 cents.

Myron Fink, who is at Carson, employed in a Dry Goods store, home over Sunday.

Fred Roberts expects to go back his old position as clerk at the Northern House, at Big Rapids.

Frank and George Harrington & A. D. Amsden assisted the St. Louis orchestra Tuesday night.

J. M. Montigel & Co. have one good work horse and one last springs outfit sell cheap. Enquire of Bert Woodward.

Ben Button held the lucky number at Miller & Co's, that drew the plum dress, given with the Evening Journal.

Dave Woodward and wife, of Kalamazoo, and J. Woodward, spent holidays with their brothers, M. J. and Bert Woodward.

It is reported that the Free Methodists have rented rooms in the school building and have commenced to occupy the same.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, mother of Dr. Snyder, returned to her home at Bellview, Monday afternoon, after spending the holidays with the Dr. and family.

In the list of institutes arranged by the state Board of Agriculture for this winter we find one to be held at Ithaca Feb. 2-3, to be attended by Profs. Johnson, Grange and Carpenter.

The winter term of the Alma College opened on Wednesday with an attendance of 75. A very auspicious opening. The management are to be congratulated on such favorable results. The friends of the College are very much pleased with such evidence of success.

The establishment of Faughner & Co. have shut down the past two weeks putting in a new press with a capacity of 10 ton per day. They have orders from Baltimore, Philadelphia and Syracuse.

We are sole agents for the Love Button Hole and Sewing Machine. In addition to doing any kind of work possible on any other machine, makes perfect Button-Holes on any kind of goods. Overseams, and sews with two needles at one operation, making two rows of stitching either zigzag or straight. Call and examine them and be convinced that they are superior to other machines.

MILLER BROS.\*

A very enjoyable event was the Masquerade given at the rink Monday night by the band. About 50 people took part in the masquerade, of these there were several very nice and several very ridiculous costumes. The prize of a pair of skates to the lady and gent best representing their respective characters were given to Mrs. B. Miller and Bert Milliken. The same prizes to the lady and gent with the most grotesque costumes and were awarded to Marshal Dallas, who represented an Irish lady and to F. Rolland as an Irishman. Both of were well taken and riding skating until 9:00.

Write it 1888.

Men's embroidered Slippers for 75c at Kinch's.

Ithaca will have a new Grand Army Hall 75x24.

Ashley will have a new roller process flouring mill.

Dr. Kelly spent New Years with his sister in Chicago.

See those all wool Men's Socks for 23 cents at Kinch's shoe store.

George Burt has been installed as clerk at the Wright House.

Geo. Lattimer, of Toledo, O., spent New Years with his parents.

To Let.—Two houses. Inquire of H. A. Delavan, Alma, Mich.

Adelbert Lem, of Williamston, is visiting Mrs. E. N. Chadwick.

J. B. Sheldon has bought the Dr. Flowers' residence north of the Wright park.

The Milliken House furnished its guests with a printed bill of fare for New Years.

The St. Louis Republican is kicking on "local option" and no one is surprised.

A good work horse for sale cheap, good size. Enquire of Geo. W. Palfrey.

Several Ithaca young people attended the Masquerade party at the rink last Monday night.

FOR SALE.—An account of \$5.80 against F. J. Topping very cheap. Enquire at this office.

Mrs. Julia Scott and Archie Alexander, returned Wednesday from a two week visit at DeWitt.

Dave Rosenburg had the misfortune to fall in to the pond Tuesday, while cutting ice, he reports the water very cold.

Secretary of State, Gil R. Osmun, proposes to institute legal proceedings against ministers who fail to make marriage returns.

FOR SALE.—A first class young road horse, harness and new Browsers or spring carriage. Will sell all, or horse alone reasonable. Enquire at Milliken House.

E. G. Alverson, of Kansas City sends us a copy of the Kansas City Sunday Journal, which is a handsome 32 page paper giving a review of that prosperous city.

Lewis Irish is conducting a class in vocal music at the M. E. church on Wednesday evenings, to wind up with a rousing concert in the near future.

E. T. Edwards and George Shrodes, of Ithaca, started for the Upper Peninsula, to file papers on claims recently located by them, they intend to open a real estate office at Marquette.

E. N. Chadwick commenced cutting ice last Tuesday, to fill the big ice house, which will hold 300 cords. He reports the ice as being about 15 inches thick.

F. Montigel has had from Jan. 1st '87 to Jan. 1st '88, an average flock of 33 hens, confined all the time which have yielded 3974 dozen of eggs, an average of 120 to the hen. Who can beat it?

Ladies' Aid Society of the Cong'l church will meet with Mrs. C. M. Scott, next Wednesday, Jan. 11. This will be the annual meeting and election of officers and a good attendance is desired.

Can there not be some scheme worked whereby Alma can have an Opera House. This is our greatest drawback and should be looked into. A citizen's meetings should be called and something done.

Thomas J. Sargent brought suit against John W. Johnson last Wednesday, before Justice Yerrington, for trespass in entering a building held under a lease. Decision reserved until next Saturday.

Fred Church bought a new harness of Findley & Morden, that for quality of stock and style of workmanship is heard to beat. When in want of any thing in their line give these gentlemen a call.

WANTED.—Back numbers of March 4th and 11th, 1887, of the ALMA RECORD. Will some of our readers favor us with them, for which we will give a credit for three months subscription.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Alma for the week ending Dec. 31, 1887. Mr. Geo. O. Bartholomew; Mr. Bruce Lockett; Norwood Livingston. Persons calling for the above please say advertised.

D. Ely, P. M.

H. A. Delavan, so long and favorably known as the pioneer merchant of Alma, is the proprietor of the

Several business houses were closed Monday.

La Reina best 5 cent cigar at the Post Office.

Mrs. W. S. Tinker, is visiting friends in Saginaw.

Miss C. M. Fleming has bought the Sheridan News.

J. H. Ward, of Shepherd, was in town Monday.

W. A. Bahlke spent New Years with friends at Pewamo.

A. D. Amsden visited Sheridan and Stanton last Friday.

Farmers will be satisfied if they go to the Milliken House for dinners when in town.

B. A. Weststead has moved into the new residence just completed by Jas. A. Stutz, near Alma College.

WANTED.—To contract for 150 cord of green body hard wood a foot in length must be sawed. A. YERRINGTON.

Dr's. Flowers have removed their office to the corner of Lincoln and Center streets, one block south of the Episcopal church, to the former residence of M. J. Burkhead. 456 1/2

At the Grange Hall last Friday night the pleasure of the entertainment was marred by the sudden sickness of a number of the guests. It is not known from what cause. By some attributed to the oysters, by some to the tea kettle, by some to the water used; the whole affair is enveloped in mystery.

Below we give the names of the heavy weights of Alma and would like to have some town of its size surpass this record. Hamilton Beckwith; George Low; T. Richmond; Benjamin Worthington; Benjamin Miller; A. Bahlke; Dr. J. F. Snyder; Geo. W. Brown; Derwin Ely; F. D. Ely, who together weigh 2475 pounds. After being weighed they visited Miller's photograph gallery and left their shadows as an example of what good living and enough of it will bring men to.

There will be a public installation of the officers of Wm. Moyer Post No. 162 at the Rink in Alma, on Thursday evening, Jan. 12, 1888. Commander Bradley, of the Elm Hall Post will be present and officiate as installing officer. He has been detailed by the department Commander for that purpose. A considerable number of comrades from other parts and friends of the cause are expected to be present. There will also be a Box Social immediately after the installation, and a dance for those who desire to participate, after the social.

### Railroad Coming.

A meeting was held at Battle Creek on Tuesday for the purpose of working up a projected line from that city to Bay City via Ionia, Carson City, Alma and Midland. Delegates were present from several of these points, and a committee was appointed to investigate the merits of the line and report at a subsequent meeting. Should this prove favorable, a company will undoubtedly be organized to push the project. W. S. Nelson, a former citizen of this county, is the moving spirit in the enterprise, which bodes well for its ultimate success.—Journal, Ithaca.

A. W. Wright, of this place, is chairman of a committee which met at Lansing Thursday, to decide on the organization of a company as referred above. Last Friday night, as the business men had gathered preparatory to the banquet, it was thought a good time to get the opinion of our business men in regard to the project, and the following resolutions were presented and adopted.

WHEREAS, A project for building a Railroad from Battle Creek, Mich., to Bay City via Alma and Midland is being agitated, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the citizens of Alma, that we deem such a railroad second to none in importance in the development of the state now being considered and of great interest to our village. That we extend to those engaged in this enterprise our hearty co-operations and earnest support. That we will aid them in every way in our power, and will do all that vigilance and earnestness can accomplish.

Resolutions adopted at citizens meeting held at Alma, Dec. 30th 1887. B. S. WEBB, A. YERRINGTON, President. Clerk.

The project is a very favorable one, as it is a very feasible route and as Mr. Wright is interested, we are assured that not a stone will be left unturned to bring this important road to Alma.

### Attention Farmers!

We would respectfully announce to the farmers that after Tuesday the 10, inst., we will be prepared to supply ice to all in need at reasonable rates.

W. OZAN & CHADWICK.

The annual meeting of the Farmer's Mutual B. Co. will be held at Alma, Mich., on Friday, Jan. 12, 1888.

## BANQUET.

Given by the business men on the departure of B. W. Sperry.

It is safe to say, that never in the history of our little city, has there been a gathering that was more fully enjoyed and more fully appreciated, than the banquet at the Wright House, last Friday evening.

At 6:00 o'clock, sixty of our business men and friends of B. W. Sperry met at the home of W. A. Bahlke and at 10:00 they partook of a double dinner at the Wright House; where they were cordially received by the present manager and after laying aside their wraps, the who party registered. A committee was appointed to take charge of the party. Mr. Sperry's room and conducted to the reading room where he was seated with a handsome gold head case, with his initials engraved thereon, presentation speech as follows: B. W. SPERRY:—

And a year ago you came to Alma, a stranger to most of us, and by your ability and fidelity of purpose immediately commanded the respect of all. We learned to know you better, we found that you had made a valuable acquisition to the rules of friendship. Our acquaintance as the weeks and months passed became strengthened; we appreciated you as a man among men, and we heard with profound regret of your determination to leave us. We most sincerely hope that in the future spheres of life, your lot may be fraught with success of unalloyed prosperity.

As a slight token of remembrance we present you with a cane, and in future years when shall be grandpa Sperry, as you call travel down the sequestered vale of life to take your place with the old who have gone before, may thimble revivie the many pleasant recollections connected with Alma in 1887. G. S. Ward; O. J. Stillwell; E. Shaff; M. Smith; S. A. Smith; R. Dubey; A. Bahlke; Chas. B. Ingersoll; Ch. Davis; A. J. Stranger.

To say that Merry was surprised does not express but not like the majority of people in this situation, he was able to express his gratification although rather shy. By this time tables were prepared and the guests were seated around of the handsomest lay outs one could imagine and one which this rousure is noted for. The remark was made that it looked so beautiful it was hard to disturb it. At the head of the table sat the toast master M. Laughner, who by his pleasing and manner proved to all that he had in this capacity before. Two men were then sent to escort Merry in. He was seated at the toaster's left and at this time the asst was called to their feet and a few fitting remarks by the toastmaster, W. A. Bahlke delivered very appropriate address as follows: B. W. SPERRY:

I have been chary this assembly of representatives to briefly express to you the nature of this gathering, and for the thus conferred upon me I would say my first opportunity return that

During the you have lived among us we have to realize your worth as a man citizen and in a high degree appreciate your services in the public capacity have served us during your residence in this village, and we too have, a great deal of pleasure, noted steady growth you have made in the popularity which you have achieved at Alma. As manager of the your position has been preeminent a public one, especially so who consider the reputation which you have attained, under the proprietor of our honored and distinguished friend and citizen, A. W. Weststead upon your arrival one year ago to assume the management of the hotel, the citizens of this, fully knowing the importance of the responsibility of your station, looked and expected that in you its renown and distinction would be secured; consequently when you assumed the performance of your duties and labors in connection with the nature to which you were referred,

rather than for worthy commendation. To fall short of complete success was to receive the unjust censure of a failure. To make one serious error was the signal to bury every honest effort amidst the arrows of public ungratefulness. To me all wrong in principle, but in fact the truth. This was one phase of your position. But thanks to your credit, we are here tonight, just previous to your departure, to congratulate you upon the success which we feel has attended your efforts in the capacity of which I have spoken, and to commend you for the ability in which you have discharged every duty and the condition in which you will leave this popular house to your worthy successor. I wish further to extend to you our approval and thanks for the able, thorough, efficient, and courteous manner you have performed and fulfilled the trust reposed in you upon your acceptance of the position which you have seen fit to resign.

In extending to you this praise and commendation in this manner, we feel as though we were only performing a duty, which we, as among your patrons at Alma, consider you entitled, and which we believe the traveling public share with us.

And now, while we are here to congratulate you upon the success which has attended your efforts and to extend thanks to you for the satisfaction it has given us individually and as a community, there is another and equally important purpose that brings us together. It is in recognition of your worth as a citizen and friend, and the regret which we wish to express at your removal from among us. It stands as a self evident truth that your business success while highly gratifying, was not of itself sufficient to call together this large and representative body of citizens to do honor to you on this occasion. Many a man has been successful in a business sense and still was never shown a tribute during his life. The atmosphere in which he moved seemed a cold and indifferent one, and his departure never softened an eye or called forth a regret. It is plainly seen then that this meeting was animated by a sense of good-fellowship. It sprang from a fountain bubbling with good wishes and respect; and when the idea was suggested, but two short days ago, of doing honor to you at this hour, it required no draft to get recruits, it wanted no hands to insure success, nothing to prevent or disturb. It was only necessary to give the order and with a right about face, shoulder arms, march, the procession was formed, the equipage was furnished, and the funds were all in readiness waiting for this hour. This is the spirit of good fellowship. It sprang forth spontaneously from the heart and is worth its weight in gold. We like the man that is willing and always ready upon notice to grant to every other individual every right one would claim for himself. If one is deserving of honor, honor him. If ones efforts have conducted to your happiness, appreciate it; if his life is worthy of emulation, embody it with your own; if one has granted you a favor, some day let him know you still remember it. Do this and honor will be awarded where honor is due. Do this and you will plant a rose which will some day send its perfume to aid and encourage one on the great highway along life's journey, which, at the best is beset with difficulties and dangers. It is an exemplification of these virtues that I see embodied in the life and spirit of this hour. It does, honor, not only to him who receives it, but to him who gives it, and we trust and believe, Mr. Sperry, that you accept this honor in the same generous and kindly spirit in which it is tendered. Not for flattery, not for show, not for amusement (although a true pleasure and amusement it is) but for real, substantial and deserving merit, which belongs to you for the manner in which you have performed your every duty and obligation as a citizen and friend.

This work of respect for you, and I may say with equal propriety, no less for your family, will not soon pass from our memory; when the busy part of life has passed, when old and retired, reflecting upon the many incidents which came like a landscape with its hills and valleys, and plains, its lakes and streams, its trees and verdure, all like a grand panorama before the mind's eye, to each of us there will be present this scene, and with it its most pleasant recollections. So it is to you and may you remember me, or, honorably appropriate, these

as a gift, but as a tribute to your ability, but permanent. To sit about these tables satisfied with the banquet of last evening.

B. W. Sperry, in their appreciation, with a few words, by wishing the party a happy New Year. A short but appropriate prayer then made by Pres. Laughner. After this another pleasing part of the program was participated in. About an hour was spent in sampling the numerous eatables on the handsome loaded table, which was prepared by the present and ex-manager, S. A. Smith, of which too much can not be said. The party was called to order by the toast master, who read a letter of regret from H. A. Delavan, who, on the account of sickness, was prevented from attending.

Then I. N. Bradner was called upon to reply to the toast of the Medical Profession.

Next being called was Pres. Bradner replying to "The Educational Interests," which was responded to by minutes talk, giving somewhat of a view of his school life and comparing them with the present advantages, setting out some of Alma's advantages, giving a brief of the intentions of the college and to impress on our citizens the need to all put their shoulder to the wheel and boom this grand institution with several of the stores which brought down.

A few remarks were made by toast master, after which the "Commercial Interest" was responded to by Max Pollasky, pressed some very pleasing views.

The next called on was E. B. who responded to the toast of "facturing," giving ten minutes of hot talk; giving the advantages of institutions; comparing manufacturing towns with those without and the awake great interest.

Jas. L. Clark was then called on to respond to "The Attorneys," which was done in his usual easy and pointed manner.

To close Prof. O. J. Stillwell was called on to respond to "The Ladies," the toast master considering him to be only competent person in the party to handle this subject, which was done in a pleasing manner, hoping that he, as well as several other bachelors in attendance, might have the privilege to apply for license before leap year has passed.

The assembly passed to the office and after a time of visit and pleasure, left for their several homes amply repaid.

Much credit should be given to the conductors of this pleasing affair and it is hoped we may enjoy many such.

MARRIED:—On Sunday, Jan. 1, by Rev. Mr. Pigeon, of Bay City, Charles Rafelson and Miss Theresa S. Ward, both of Alma.

J. S. Courter and wife spent the holidays with friends in Detroit, now visiting Mrs. Courter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan.

Special communication of the Forest Hill Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M., will be given on Friday evening, Jan. 7, 1888. All members to be present, by order.

FOR SALE.—A new coal stove at Forest Hill.

Alma's face made to shine from oil at Forest Hill.

Wheat is moving quite freely and price improves.

The holiday excursionists are turning homeward.

Father Moody, who has been called to conduct a meeting at Bay City, has met with success there.

A new feed mill order has been shipped and will be ready for the accommodation of our customers.

The New Year has fairly begun and weather is very fine for the season. Every one is improving in their legs to the new year, just ready to run.

Geo. A. Moore, of Saginaw, and 87 of our nice people.